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The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 351 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 351 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Edward R. Cosimano	2863	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 18 December 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 19-22 and 24-39.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. EXAMINER'S COMMENT

1.1 When preparing this Office action the examiner considers the instant application to include:

A) the Oath/Declaration filed on 07 August 2006 which is acceptable to the examiner;

B) the Abstract filed on 19 July 2006 which is acceptable to the examiner;

C) figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 of the set of drawings containing 4 sheets of 9 figures comprising figures 6 & 7 as presented in the set of drawings filed on 19 July 2006 and figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 & 9 as presented in the set of drawings filed on 18 December 2008 where figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 of the above set of drawings are acceptable to the examiner;

D) the written description as filed on 19 July 2006 and amended on 19 July 2006 and amended on 18 December 2008; and

E) the set of claims as filed on 18 December 2008.

1.2 Applicant's claim for the benefit of an earlier filing date pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 120, 35 U.S.C. 365(c) and 35 U.S.C. 371 are acknowledged.

1.3 Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d). Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

1.4 The examiner has considered the prior art cited in the base applications.

1.5 The examiner has approved the proposed changes to figures 1, 3, 8 & 9 as filed on 18 December 2008.

1.6 SUMMARY OF 17 DECEMBER 2008 INTERVIEW

1.6.1 The examiner concurs with applicant's summary of the interview regarding a proposed draft response, in which the examiner suggested changes to the location of the heading to more nearly correspond or match the locations for the proposed changes that were indicated in the written description filed and amended on 19 July 2006.

1.7 Response to applicant's arguments.

1.7.1 The objections and rejection that have not been repeated here in have been over come by applicant's last response.

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2. REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2.1 The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

A) the prior art, for example:

(1) either Reading (2,570,275) or Maidhof et al (2003/0112448 or 7,414,732) disclose a machine/process that provides the useful and beneficial function of a co-ordinate measuring machine that determined the relative location/position/offset and orientation of an object on a reference platform in which two separate co-ordinate measuring machines/process are used in combination to make co-ordinate measurements that are then correlated in order to determine the relative location/position/offset and orientation of the object on a reference platform.

(2) either Unger et al (3,436,968) or Henderson (Miller) et al (3,513,444) disclose a machine/process that provides the useful and beneficial function of determining the dimensions of an object being conveyed. To this end the height/thickness of the conveyed object and the width/depth of the conveyed object are measured by an appropriate positioned array of pairs of energy sources and corresponding energy detectors where height/thickness of the conveyed object and the width/depth of the conveyed object are measured/determined by determining the number of pairs of energy detectors that are either blocked/occulted or currently detecting energy from the corresponding energy source. Further the length of the conveyed object is determined by measuring the interval/period of time that one or more of the energy detector is blocked/occulted from the corresponding energy source of the pairs of energy sources/detectors. Finally the weight of the conveyed object is determined from an on the fly weighing scale.

(3) Wilder (4,329,060) discloses a machine/process that provides the useful and beneficial function of a co-ordinate measuring machine/process that determines the relative location/position/offset and orientation of an object on a reference platform relative to a reference by using a flying spot scanner to measure at least two separate known points on the object relative to the reference.

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The measurements are then combined in order to make a determination of the relative location/position/offset of the object to the reference.

(4) Tews et al (4,615,093) discloses a machine/process that provides the useful and beneficial function of a measuring machine/process that determines the relative location/position/offset and orientation of an object relative to a reference by using a flying spot scanner to measure when the object casts a shadow as the spot is scanned over the object and the measurements are then combined in order to make a determination of the relative location/position/offset of the object to the reference.

(5) Kaneda et al (6,973,738) discloses a machine/process that provides the useful and beneficial function of determining the co-ordinates of the cutting edge of a tool by first determining the co-ordinates of the position of the center axis of the tool holding spindle relative to a reference in a co-ordinate system and then determining the offset of the cutting edge of the tool relative to the center axis of the tool. These two determinations are then combined in order to determine the actual position of the cutting edge of the tool in the co-ordinate system.

(6) Seichter et al (7,024,789) discloses a machine/process that provides the useful and beneficial function of providing temperature compensated co-ordinate measurements in which a temperature sensor is used in order to provide temperature data/information upon which the measured co-ordinates will be corrected/compensated in order to provide the correct co-ordinates of the measured point/location.

B) however, the prior art does not fairly teach or suggest in regard to claims 19, 33 & 35 a process in claims 19 & 35 and a machine in claim 33 that provides the useful and beneficial function of determining the co-ordinates of an object or work piece attached to a structure with an attached reference structure by combining separate measurements of the co-ordinates of the object and a reference that have been made by two separate co-ordinate measurement machines/processes in two separate co-ordinate systems, for example a “work piece co-ordinate system” and a “reference co-ordinate

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system” by providing actions in claims 19 & 35 and structures in claim 33 that perform at least the functions of:

(1) using a first co-ordinate measuring machine/process in order to measure the first co-ordinates of the reference structure in a first co-ordinate system;

(2) using the first co-ordinate measuring machine/process in order to measure the first co-ordinates of the object or work piece in the first co-ordinate system;

(3) using a second co-ordinate measuring machine/process in order to measure the second co-ordinates of the reference structure in a second co-ordinate system;

(4) using the second co-ordinate measuring machine/process in order to measure the second co-ordinates of the object or work piece in the second co-ordinate system; and

(5) determining a set of co-ordinates for the object or work piece that have been derived from (a) the measured first co-ordinates of the reference structure, (b) the measured second co-ordinates of the reference structure, (c) the measured first co-ordinates of the object or work piece, and (d) the measured second co-ordinates of the object or work piece.

Claims 20-32, which depend from claim 19, claims 34 & 36, which depend from claim 33, are allowable for the same reason.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward R. Cosimano whose telephone number is 571-272-0571. The examiner can normally be reached on 571-272-0571 from 7:30am to 4:00pm (Eastern Time).

3.1 If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Drew Dunn, can be reached on 571-272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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3.2 Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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